

**Franklin County Commissioners**

**August 31, 2015**

**Commissioners Meeting Room 203**

**Commissioners:** Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel and Eric Roberts

**Commissioners Secretary:** Carol Westerman

**Chief Deputy Auditor:** Debbie Richardson

**Open:** The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wilson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Gillespie presented the surveyor's office findings on the incorporation of Brookville which was questioned by Harry Graves at a prior Commissioner's meeting. It was found in the Brookville Democrat 215/1933 council notes that the town hired W.L. Harper at .70 an hour not to exceed \$200 to prepare a map of the corporation which was done on 11/30/1933. Eighteen years later the corporation was adopted on 5/31/1951 based on the W. Harper survey completed on 11/30/1933. On 8/15/1954 there was an advertisement of the legal description of all concrete monuments that surrounded the town. Joe stated he has put together a package of all of the information his office has obtained regarding this subject. There is a recorded copy of the ordinance on 7/13/1954. There is also a recorded resolution 1/10/1996 when the town adopted the annexation at the south end of town. Joe stated this is out by IGA, Arby's, and beyond. Tom Linkel said that Harry's claim was that it was never filed or reported to the state. The survey was completed by a civil engineer not a land surveyor. Joe Gillespie said he does not know what the laws were back at that time but believes it was probably done as the law required at that time. Joe quoted IC code 36-5-1-11.5 as stating localities that were doing business for a period of ten years were regarded as towns.

Tom Wilson stated that Ted Cooley was unable to attend this meeting due to some work he had to complete.

**Motion:** by Eric Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to sign the MOT "maintenance of traffic" letter for bridge 56.

**Motion:** by Eric Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to approve minutes of 8/17/2015 meeting. **Motion carried.**

Pam Beneker presented before the commissioners a proposal for a Simplifile Agreement. We are going to have to start E-recording in the near future. This is a contractor that can provide that service. Everything is done on line with no paper. She said it will save approximately 65 percent in time savings. She stated she had given a copy to John Worth for review also. Simplifile will collect our fees. Eric Roberts ask if there are other companies that provide that same service. Pam states there are other companies, however, this company also works with CSI which is another firm that provides services for her. All commissioners would like for Pam to contact Simplifile and see if she can add a clause to the contract that will allow for a cancellation with a 30 day written notice. Pam will contact them and get back with the commissioners. This is tabled until this is accomplished.

Karla Bauman ask via email if the clerk's office can enter into a contract with Dossett Consulting for purposes of Title IVD expenditure monthly and quarterly reimbursement reporting. Malinowski had been performing this service for the county through January 2015. She stated it has been brought to her attention that the State of Indiana is facing a federal audit for reimbursement of Title IVD expenditures to the county for 2015. Tom Linkel ask for this to be tabled until the next meeting for approval of this.

**Motion:** by Tom Linkel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts to approve the amended claim schedule Resolution 2015-23. **Motion Carried.**

**Motion:** by Tom Linkel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Roberts to approve payroll **Motion Carried.**

Tom Wilson started the discussion on health insurance. He stated that they had a conference call with Med-Ben on ways to cut costs with our policy. They provided as follows:

In Net Ind Ded - \$500/\$1000 Family

OON Ind Ded \$1500/\$3000 Family

SCP copay - \$50 ER copay - \$150

Med-Ben stated these changes will save approximately \$30,000 for the county. If there were 20% copay for Tier 2 and Tier 3 drugs this would also save the plan approximately \$28,700.

Betty Lecher and Millie Simmermeyer questioned the commissioners about their status of full-time employment. It was ask if they can show documentation of their full-time hours worked. There was quite in depth discussion regarding health insurance and perf benefits for commissioners and county council. Becky Oglesby said it is a state rule that elected officials get perf because they are salaried.

Tom Linkel ask Daryl Kramer and Becky Oglesby what they thought about the insurance. Daryl Kramer said he believes county council is part-time. He said he has never worked 30 hours in a week since he has been on council. He said he believes the commissioners are part-time too unless they are able to document time worked of 30 hours or more. He said we need to try to protect the county benefits for employees, if not we may see a large turnover. Becky Oglesby said September 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting with Kent Irwin. This meeting will provide important information regarding the ACA and consequences of not following their requirements. Daryl Kramer said he agrees with the proposed increase in deductible amounts and copays. He said the larger deductible for ER will discourage using the ER for something that could be handled as an office visit.

Tom Linkel said he thought the county should put bridge #144 (Causeway) on hold for the time being due to financial constraints. Daryl Kramer questioned if anyone had an idea of what the county portion would be for the repair. Eric Roberts said probably at least \$600,000 and could be more. Tom Linkle and Tom Wilson said there are a lot of big issues with this bridge, not wide enough; beams might have lead paint in them, and also other issues.

Millie Simmermeyer questioned who got the contract for Stockpile. Tom Wilson said Freddy Layton got the contract for about \$58,000. She questioned if we were going to have to go back and do add-ons to this amount to complete the job. Tom Wilson said we should not have to.

John Estridge questioned what they are going to do about insurance. Tom Wilson said it is still under advisement until after the meeting on 9/10 with Kent Irwin. Tom said the public can sit in on this meeting if they so desire.

**Motion:** by Tom Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Linkel to adjourn meeting. **Motion carried.**

Others in attendance: Sara Duffy, John Estridge, James Sprague, Joe Gillespie, Daryl Kramer, Becky Oglesby, Betty Lecher, Milly Simmermeyer, Mark Simmermeyer.

Aye

Tom Wilson

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Tom Linkel

Tom Linkel

Eric Roberts

Eric Roberts

Nay

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Tom Wilson

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Tom Linkel

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Eric Roberts

Attest:

Debbie Richardson

Debbie Richardson, Chief Deputy Auditor